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COMPLY WITH: 12 MARCH 1968

COUNTRY: LAOS

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SUBJECT: DEATH OF TWO UNITED STATES AIR FORCE PILOTS SHOT DOWN
NEAR BAN NA KAY IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE

ACQ: LAOS, VIENTIANE

SOURCE:

1. IN EARLY JUNE 1966 A UNITED STATES AIR FORCE PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN NEAR BAN NA KAY (VH 196573). THE PILOT PARACHUTED AND WAS CAPTURED AND IMPRISONED IN ONE OF THE CAVES IN THE AREA. ACCORDING TO WHO ON ABOUT TEN DIFFERENT OCCASIONS GAVE THE PILOT ANTI-MALARIA AND OTHER INJECTIONS, THE PILOT HAD BLUE OR GREEN EYES, THINNING DARK BROWN HAIR AND NO DISCERNIBLE TATTOOS OR OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS. THE INTERPRETER PRESENT WHEN

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GAVE THE INJECTIONS SAID THAT THE PILOT'S NAME WAS DAVIS, DAVIT OR DAVID AND THAT HE HAD THREE SONS. IN MID-JULY 1966 THE PILOT AND ONE OF HIS GUARDS WERE KILLED WHEN A RELIEF GUARD FIRED IN THEIR DIRECTION.

DID NOT SEE THE KILLING BUT HEARD THE SHOTS. THERE WERE FIVE OF THEM FROM AN AK SET ON AUTOMATIC. THE SHOT WHICH KILLED THE GUARD ALSO KILLED THE PILOT. THE RELIEF GUARD FLED BUT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CAPTURED. AT THE INVESTIGATION HE SAID HIS WEAPON HAD DISCHARGED ACCIDENTALLY. THE PATHET LAO EXECUTED HIM.

2. HAD HEARD THAT THE PILOT OF A UNITED STATES AIR FORCE PLANE, SHOT DOWN WITH 37MM FIRE IN THE NA KAY AREA IN LATE 1965, WHO HAD PARACHUTED SAFELY AND BEEN CAPTURED BY THE PATHET LAO, HAD DIED OF MALARIA IN AUGUST 1966.

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